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3 106. (New Claim) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the unknown party is an intelligent agent configured to conduct electronic transactions, and wherein the plurality of attributes are selected from the group consisting of an agent name, a client name, a bank name, a bank account number, a credit card number, a homebase location, an agent program name, a location or name of a source with which the unknown party communicates, and combinations thereof.

107. (New Claim) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein the unknown party is an intelligent agent, and wherein the identification module is configured to scan program code for the unknown party to determine attributes thereof.

108. (New Claim) The program product of claim 61, wherein the program is configured to determine a plurality of attributes related to the unknown party, and to compare the plurality of attributes for the unknown party with those of the plurality of known parties.

109. (New Claim) The program product of claim 108, wherein the program is configured to access a database including a plurality of records, each record associated with a known party and including the plurality of attributes related thereto.

110. (New Claim) The program product of claim 108, wherein each of the plurality of attributes has a weighting factor associated therewith, wherein the program is configured to calculate an accumulated weighting factor for each known party by summing the weighting factors of the attributes of the known party which match those of the unknown party, and to identify the unknown party as the known party with the largest accumulated weighting factor.